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Sergeant

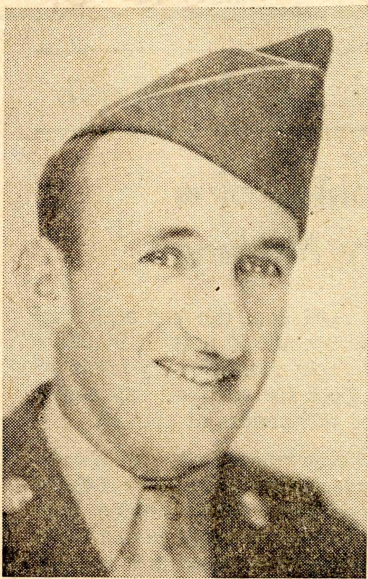
Davis Is

Drowned

His Wife Was Notified Tuesday That He Had Met Death by Drowning in Belgium February 5

Mrs. Maynard Davis of Newton was notified Tuesday by the War Department that her husband, Sergeant Davis, "met death by drowning in Belgium, February 5." No details were given but it is supposed that his division was attempting a river crossing.

He was a chief of section in the famous Fifth Armored or Victory division, the first American unit to fight on German soil, and was recently promoted from corporal to sergeant. His division had participated in the break-through in France



and drove 800 miles through France, Luxembourg and Belgium into Germany.

Has Baby Daughter

He was 26 years of age, and was born at Olney, May. Davis, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom the Olney, where he graduated from high school. He married Miss Jayne of Newton, January 20, 1943, who survives him.

Besides his wife and his parents, he leaves a 7 months old daughter, Ann; three sisters, Michelle, Miss Flo Ellen and one brother, Miss Marilyn Davis of Salem and Mrs. Mildred DuPree of Chicago.

He entered the service on March 18, 1942, and landed in England, on February 24, 1944. In August, 1944, his division landed in Normandy and went into the Battle of France.

Gorman Apgar Killed

Mrs. Gorman Apgar of Robinson has received word from the War Department that her husband, Private First Class Gorman L. Apgar, was killed in action in Germany, February 8. He was inducted into the service April 21, 1944, and had been overseas two months.

Besides his wife, he leaves three small daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Apgar resided in Newton when he went into the service. He drove the Illinois Central railroad freight truck between this city and Evansville for two years.

Wounded Second Time

Staff Sergeant Chester W. Bailey of near Wheeler was slightly wounded in Germany, February 3, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bailey, were notified by the War Department, Tuesday. He was wounded once before on August 16, while serving with the Twenty-sixth Infantry division in France.

He entered the service April 24, 1941, and served in North Africa and Sicily, before going to France.

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey have three other sons in the armed services, Private Ernest Bailey in Italy, Private First Class Harvey Bailey in India and Corporal Melvin Bailey in France or Germany.

Michael Rennier Wounded

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob P. Rennier of Sainte Marie township have received a telegram from the Navy Department stating that their son, Seaman First Class Michael A. Rennier, has been wounded in action. The nature and extent of his injuries were not given.